THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) and (b) 19 Nehru Yuva Kendras are functioning in the State of Gujarat which are situated at Bharuch, Nadiad, Kutch (Bhuj), Godhra, Sabarkantha, Junagarh, Mehsana, Surendra Nagar, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Valsad, Surat, Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Dangs, Amreli, Palampur and Rajkot.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The approximate expenditure incurred during 1995-96 on each Kendra is Rs. 3,45,250/-.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects in M.P.

2419. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals regarding irrigation projects received from Madhya Pradesh Government for the clearance of the Union Government;

(b) the number out of these still pending with the Union Government; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Out of 26 major and 7 medium irrigation projects received from Government of Madhya Pradesh since March, 1979, 11 major and 3 medium projects are at various stages of appraisal by Central Agencies. The remaining project reports have been returned to Madhya Pradesh Government for non-compliance of observations of Central Appraisal Agencies.

Complaints Advisory Board

2420. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of complaints have decreased after the constitution of complaints advisory board in the office of the Chief of the Army Staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure required fairness and transparency in the functioning of the said board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) A Complaints Advisory Board was constituted in the offce of the Chief of the Staff in February, 1986 to consider the complaints of serving personnel primarily pertaining to career matters such as supersessions and perceived adverse or low gradings/remarks in Annual Confidential Reports etc. The purpose of constituting the Board was to ensure proper in-depth examination of the complaints, and to render suitable advice to the COAS for their disposal.

2. There has been no significant change in the number of complaints received, after the constitution of the CAB.

[English]

Demands of A.I.K.V.T.A.

2421. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has demanded U.P.S.C. type open examination for the recruitment of Principals in K.V.S.; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has received a demand from the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association for introducing open examination for recruitment of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. This matter falls within the purview of the delegated powers of the Sangathan.

N.S.C.

2422. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the objective for which National Security Council and National Security Advisory Board were set up;

(b) whether both the Council and the Board had no meeting for a long time; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and action proposed by the Government to activate the National Security Council and National Security Advisory Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) The main endeavour of the National Security Council is to evolve an integrated approach to policy making as it affects national security, taking into account the linkages between the evolving external situation in the political, military and economic fields and our domestic situation. The National Security Advisory Board consisting of 35 members from the different concerned fields, was constituted for providing a broader cross-section of views on the working of the National Security Council.

2. The National Security Council has met on one occasion on 5th October, 1990. The Advisory Board, however, has not had a meetings so far.

3. Proposals and suggestions to restructure the National Security Council with a view to making it a more effective body for achieving the purposes for which it was constituted, are engaging the attention of Government.

[Translation]

Vocational Education Institute in U.P.

2423. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
DR. RAM KRISHANA KUSMARIA :
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vocational education institutes operating in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of students registered in these institutions;

(c) the amount allotted by the Union Government under the vocationalisation of higher education during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to promote vocational education in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh has so far started 1865 vocational sections in 810 schools.

(b) As per information available, 43077 students were enrolled in these Institutes.

(c) No State-wise allotment of funds is made. However, based on the proposals received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, following funds were released to the State in the last three years under the above Scheme.

Year	(Amount in Lakhs)
1993-94	258.42
1994-95	265.39
1995-96	502.40
	1026.21

(d) To promote vocational education in the States including the State of Uttar Pradesh, the focus presently is on consolidation and qualitative improvement of the Vocational Education Programme. The States have been, interalia, advised to create Management structure at various levels, introduce need based courses and to establish appropriate linkages with the industry.

Private Ships

2424. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government and private ships separately at the various ports of the country at present;

(b) the reasons for making use of the private cargo ships;

(c) whether cargo transportation by Government ships has been reduced;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for reducing the number of private ships and to ensure a fare share of cargo transportation by Government ships?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Port-wise information is not being maintained. However, the number of ocean going vessels owned by Government/Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector as on 1.2.1997 is as under :

	Vessels	Gross Tonnage (in million)
Government/Public Sector Undertakings	196	3.40
Private	289	3.65
Total	485	7.05

(b) Number of vessels available with Government/ Private Sector is not sufficient to cater to the requirement of overseas trade of the country. Hence vessels other than Government have to be deployed for overseas trade.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Total cargo carried in terms of percentage have come down as the tonnage of Government/Public Sector Undertakings have not increased commensurate with the increase in the overseas trade.

(e) The Government policy is to give preference to India flag vessels in the carriage of Government cargo in preference to foreign flag vessels. There is no proposal to put any restriction in acquiring ships by private sector.

Laboratories in Polytechnics in U.P.

2425. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of laboratories of Government Polytechnics modernised with the assistance of World Bank in Uttar Pradesh;